°us high courts has submitted any report to the Government; if so, when and what were its recommendations; and

(b) whether any action has since been initiated on any of these recommendations; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LA\V AND JUS TICE (DR, SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Report of the Commit tee was received by the Government in September, 1990. These recommenda tions pertain to State Governments, the High Courts, some of the Central Minis tries and the Judiciary itself. These re commendations cover various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifica tions |improvements in the judiciary, set ting up of specialised bodies such as tri- bunals|commissions to deal with specific types of cases, fixation of judge strength and appointments of Judges in High Courts, creation of more posts in the Subordinate judiciary and a number of other general recommendations relating to modernisation of office equipment in courts and allocation of more funds to the judiciary improvement in day to day working of the Courts, etc. These recom mendations have been forwarded to all concerned such as State Governments, the Central Ministries and the High Courts.

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Price, Production and Import of Rubber

104. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the highest and the lowest price of natural rubber during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much rubber had been imported during this period, year-wise;

(c) what had been the production of natural rubber during this period year-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the production of natural rubber?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER $_{TN}$ THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL iPURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) The details of pri$_{Ce}$ of natural rubber during the last 3 ycar$_s$ has been as under:—

Price in Rs. per quintal

Year	Highest	Lowest
1987-88 1988-89	1880	1730
1989-90	1935	1740
(b) The details	2650	1835 of
rubber during the	import of natural ' last 3	
as under:—	years has been	

(In metric tonnes)

Year	*Quantity*
1987-88 1988-89	41,984 51,363 26,549
1989-90	of production of natu-last
(c) The details	ral 3 years has been
rubber during as	(in metric tonnes)
under:—	

Year	Quantity
1987-88 1988-	2,35,197
89 1989-90	2.59,172 2,97.300

(d) The following measures are now implemented by the Rubber Board to enhance production of natural rubber:—

(1) Granting financial and technical assistance for new planting and replan- *S* ting and replanting under Rubber Planfation Development Scheme.

(2) Producing and distributing high yielding planting materials.

(3) Rendering advisory. extension and training services.

*(4** Encouraging community proces- sing and marketing among small holders.

(5) Undertaking research on cultiva tion, production and processing of rub- ber.

Production an-i export of cotton

105. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MP.HTA-Wili the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production of cotton for this year and the next year;